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"Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity."—Eph. vi. 24.
"Earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints."—Jude 3.

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ECCLIASTICAL NOTES.

At the Presbyterian Synod recently held in Galesburg, Ill., a paper was read on "The Atheistic Tendency of the Public School System."

A MEMORIAL service for the late Bishop Harris will be held in St. John's Church, Detroit, November 22nd, at which the Bishop of New York will preach.

THE election at Cleveland, Ohio, resulted in the choice of the Rev. George Williamson Smith, D.D., president of Trinity College, as assistant to Bishop Bedell. Dr. Smith is, it is said, a Broad Churchman.

THE New York *Tribune* says: "The Episcopal Church of the city is setting a noble example to other religious bodies. Upward of one-half of the houses of that body are already free churches, and the movement is making rapid progress."

MILWAUKEE.—The Standing Committee, after passing memorial resolutions to the late Bishop, Dr. Welles, have called a special Council to meet on Wednesday, Dec. 12th, at 10.30 a m at All Saints' Cathedral, for the purpose of electing a Bishop, and providing for his maintenance.

THE REV. ARTHUR W. LITTLE, recently Rector of St. Paul's Church, Portland, Maine, author of the well known letters "Reasons for being a Churchman" entered upon his duties as Rector of St. Mark's Church, Evanston, Ill., on the first Sunday in November. He received a warm welcome from his new parishioners.

THE Bishop of Bedford, speaking at the Annual meeting of the Parochial Missions to the Jews, said that if the Jews were to be evangelized, it was not to be done by the action of independent Societies, but by the Church undertaking the work which properly belonged to her according to her constitution.

In the Diocese of Central New York, under Bishop Huntington, according to the *Church Record*, the rule of the diocese is to require every parish and mission to devote the offerings of the third Sunday in each month to diocesan missions. This plan works admirably and brings in about \$1,000 each month.

ADVICES from Jacksonville, Florida, give the good news that the Bishop of Florida is recovering from his attack of yellow fever. He was taken down on the 22nd ult., while attending a meeting of the Central Relief Committee, of which he is chairman. The assurance of his recovery will bring relief and joy to the Church.

At the Canterbury Diocesan Conference, the Archbishop presiding, the subject of the causes which keep men and women from the Holy Communion was considered, and it was resolved "That a greater prominence should be given to the Holy Communion in our services on Sundays and Holy Days, and in the religious instruction given in Day and Sunday-

Schools, and this Conference urges on the clergy the importance of more personal contact with candidates before and after Confirmation, and conversation with the laity of their parishes."

ENGLISH DEACONESS' HOUSE IN JERUSALEM.—The Church of England Women's Missionary Association has sent out four ladies to Jerusalem to form a branch of Mrs. Meredith's work there, for education and sick nursing among women and children in the East. Two more follow directly. There is work for many more as soon as they are ready to go.

THE REV. DR. JAMES, of Virginia, has recently come into possession of an English Prayer Book one hundred and sixty years old. It is eighteen inches long and twelve wide, and is evidently an altar book. From occasional memoranda on the pages, he thinks it evident that it was brought over to the colonies from England and used before the Revolution.

REV. ALBERT BROOKWITH SHIELDS, late a Baptist minister, was confirmed by Bishop Nile at a recent visitation to Nashua, N.H., and has become a candidate for orders in the diocese of Massachusetts. And in Indiana, Bishop Knickerbacker ordained, on the 21st of October, the Rev. Frank J. Mallett, late a Methodist minister, to the diaconate.

SOMETIME ago we stated as an objection to the progressive or "chain" system of raising money, that it was open to fraud, and that we looked to see instances of fraud at an early day. Such an instance has already come to notice. Letters have been sent out purporting to come from "Miss Turney, treasurer of the Ladies' Auxiliary of St. John's church, Waterbury, Conn." Miss Turney is a myth.—(*Southern Churchman*).

THE REV. JOHN S. LINDSAY, D.D., rector of St. John's, Bridgeport, Ct., recently read a very able paper before Convocation on "Worship and its Accessories," a part of which is published in the *New York Churchman*. After showing the tendency of the times towards an increased warmth, reverence, heartiness and beauty in the Church's services, he directs attention to the dangers of the movement, discusses the law bearing upon changes of this nature, deprecates the unwarranted acts of individual members of the Church, whether choir master or chancel committee or any other, in making changes in furniture or ornament without license, and argues that the Rector is sole authority, subject to the godly admonition of the Bishop of the diocese.

THERE were many sad hearts, throughout the limits of the American Church, said *The Church Year*, when the news passed over the wires, a few days since, that the gentle, loving, and beloved Bishop of Milwaukee was no more. He had just returned from the Lambeth Conference, and on his way to his diocese stopped for a short visit to his birthplace at Waterloo, N. Y., where he passed away suddenly on the 20th ult., His health had been more or less feeble for several years, and his friends anticipated great

benefit from his visit to England. He had lived long enough, however, to bring unity, peace and harmony, to a distracted diocese, by his wisdom, patience and loving action and speech. His burial took place from his Cathedral in Milwaukee, on the 25th inst., the fourteenth anniversary of his consecration to the Episcopate.

ON Thursday, the 18th October, the Rev. Dr. Billing, the new Bishop of Bedford, laid the foundation-stone of the new Clergy House of St. Augustine's, Settle Street, E. The building will be commodious, and is being built by Messrs. Dove Bros., from the design of the architect, Mr. H. Wilson. On the ground floor there will be a large room to be used for parish purposes, and a room below, which might, some day, become a gymnasium. On the first floor there will be five studies belonging to the clergy and lay-workers; the dining room will be on the second floor, and bedrooms. Special arrangements are made to provide spare bedrooms for clergy and laymen who might wish to come and stay in the Clergy House and get a real insight into the work of an East-end parish. Prior to the stone-laying there was a Choral celebration of the Holy Eucharist. The sermon was preached by the vicar, the Rev. Harry Wilson, on the text, 'Ask, and it shall be given you.' A procession was afterwards formed to the site of the new Clergy House, adjoining the Church, where the Bishop duly laid the stone. His Lordship gave a short address, in which he referred to the spiritual growth of the Church work in that parish. The ceremony was followed by a public luncheon, at which some 200 persons sat down.

THE publisher of *The Church Record* expostulates, says *The Living Church*, with his delinquent subscribers, and shows that the losses inflicted on his business by their failure to pay is liable to frustrate his plans for the improvement of the paper at the low price at which he has offered it. The margin of delinquencies is a heavy item in the calculations of all publishers, and it is generally met by putting up the price far beyond the estimate cost. That is, those who pay are compelled to pay for these who do not. THE LIVING CHURCH has experienced something like the same lack of reciprocity, not to say of conscience. Many subscribers pay without a reminder and add to our list without charge or solicitation. Some, however, pay no attention to bills, receive the paper without paying for it, and actually defraud the publisher by their remissness. We pay out several hundred dollars a year to send the paper to such people. If they would only think of it as dishonest, as discouraging to our work, and as tending to defeat an enterprise in the interest of the Church, they would surely do better. We ask for prompt renewal or prompt notice of discontinuance. A subscriber who sends neither is simply incurring a debt which he is bound in honor to pay, sooner or later.

[We are able to sympathize with our Contemporaries: delinquent subscribers are not unknown in Canada.—Ed.]